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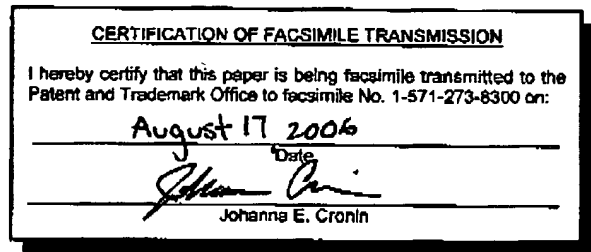
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Applicant: McGill and Nevinson)
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A LAUNDRY APPLIANCE)
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Sir:

Responsive to the requirement that a summary of the interview which took place on June 6, 2006, Applicant states the following:

On May 31, 2006, Applicant's attorneys received a call from the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that he would allow the application if claim 17 were amended as follows:

17. A method of operating a drain pump in a laundry washing machine during the a single drain phase of the wash cycle to reduce pump blockages comprising the steps of:

- (a) starting the pump and running it for a first period of time to produce a discharge of a given flow rate,
- (b) stopping rotation of the pump for a second non-zero period of time which is less than 10% of said first period of time by braking the pump, said second period of time being such that the flow rate reduces substantially to zero, and
- (c) repeating steps (a) and (b) for the duration of said drain phase.


The Examiner contended that this was commensurate with the arguments made for patentability and he considers this to be patentable.

On June 6, 2006, Applicant's attorney advised the Examiner that the amendment was acceptable and requested that the Examiner enter an Examiner's Amendment.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Communication, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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